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Attorney Docket No.: WVANP012

Application No.: 09/813,235

Examiner: JASMIN, Lynda C.

Filed: March 19, 2001

Group: 3627

Title: TECHNIQUE FOR HANDLING SALES OF  
REGULATED ITEMS IMPLEMENTED  
OVER A DATA NETWORK

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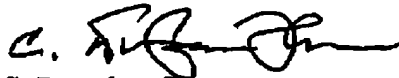
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